

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 204

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Captain Todd Spearman and Investigative Assistant Lisa Maddox for meritorious service to the children of Tennessee through their involvement with the Fire and Police Youth Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy individuals are Captain Todd Spearman and Investigative Assistant Lisa Maddox of the Smyrna Police Department, who through their dedicated efforts and hard work have played key roles in establishing the Fire and Police Youth Academy; and

WHEREAS, after witnessing the devastating results of a fatal fire, Mr. Spearman realized the need to teach children different aspects of fire and police safety. Targeting an audience at the greatest risk of injury by an emergency due to lack of safety knowledge, Mr. Spearman and Ms. Maddox developed a fire and police curriculum for children ages ten to thirteen in an effort to increase safety and community relations by having both departments interact with the children; and

WHEREAS, during the week long Fire and Police Youth Academy, which is now in its tenth year, children are taught life saving skills in fire safety, police safety, CPR, and personal safety in a fun and inviting atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, through the interaction with personnel from both the fire and police departments in a friendly and personal setting, students who have attended the academy will be more likely to call for help when an event takes place that requires police or fire response; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spearman and Ms. Maddox have committed their singular talents to this noble cause over the past ten years by developing the curriculum, scheduling the speakers and events, and working first hand with the children during the Fire and Police Youth Academy week; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years, the counselors at the Fire and Police Youth Academy have created lasting impressions on the children who have attended the event, and perhaps the most fitting compliment comes from several former attendees who have enrolled in criminal justice programs in college, enlisted in the military, and joined the fire department; and

WHEREAS, through their heroic efforts and the cooperation of both the fire department and police department, this annual event has become a tremendous success for Tennessee's communities and has made a difference in countless lives of children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spearman and Ms. Maddox epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Captain Todd Spearman and Investigative Assistant Lisa Maddox of the Smyrna Police Department for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Captain Todd Spearman and Investigative Assistant Lisa Maddox of the Smyrna Police Department for their meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate them on the tremendous success of the Fire and Police Youth Academy, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.